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SUBJECT: W/W: GUSTAVO GRILLO

1. THE FATHER OF GUSTAVO GRILLO, THE PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN RECENTLY SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN JAIL IN ANGOLA FOR BEING A MERCENARY, CALLED THE DEPARTMENT AND ASKED OUR HELP IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CONDITION OF HIS SON. THE FATHER HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM HIS SON SINCE JULY, WHEN GRILLO WROTE THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO UNDERGO A SERIOUS LEG OPERATION. FYI: OUR EARLIER EFFORTS TO USE THE ICRC TO OBTAIN REPORTS ON THE TWO AMERICANS CONFINED IN LUANDA WERE FRUITLESS AND THE ICRC IS NO LONGER PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN ANGOLA.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: USUN SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR FIGUERIDO THE CONCERN OF GRILLO'S PARENTS, AND THAT OF THE USG, OVER HIS CONDITION, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE OPERATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
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LEARNING MR. GRILLO'S CONDITION AND WOULD HOPE THE GOA WOULD FACILITATE LETTER EXCHANGES BETWEEN GRILLO AND HIS PARENTS. WHILE THE PARENTS OF THE OTHER CONFINED AMERICAN, GARY ACKER, HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM HIM, YOU SHOULD ALSO ASK FIGUERIDO TO INQUIRE AS TO HIS CONDITION IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE US OFFICIAL CONCERN OVER THE TREATMENT OF BOTH

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